

TL  
WR

June 28, 2016

2016 JUN 28 PM 1:00

Louisiana Board of Ethics

Attn: Melissa Horn

RE: Late fee assessment for the October 24, 2015 Election

30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 13 days late.

Dear Melissa Horn,

I have received your letter informing me of my late Campaign report from the October 24, 2015 election along with the request of the late fee of \$520.00. I am requesting a waiver per explanation as follows.

I will start by explaining that I am not disputing that I filed the report late, just explaining how and why it happened. As I opened my election packet, there was a bright green paper informing candidates of "Important Information" "Changes to filing requirements". It stated that Candidates who make expenditures in excess of \$2500 will NOW be required to file finance disclosure reports. As of due date for the 30-P report, after rereading the bright green paper, I was under the understanding that I did not need to file a report due to being under the \$2500 expenditure amount. When it came to filing the very next report, I had called your office with some questions; primarily wanting to be sure I wasn't making any mistakes. At this time, I was asked about my filing of the 30-P as I explained that I wasn't required to file that report, the very nice woman explained to me that I was supposed to and informed me that I was now late. As I tried to explain my understanding of the green paper, she advised me to fill out both reports and file the 2 together in hopes that someone would understand what happened or at least help me to explain when I needed to. I made an honest mistake, and am requesting a waiver.

I am a working husband and father who decided to run for parish council to better the quality of life for my family and my community. Unfortunately, I lost by a mere 300 votes. I put in an enormous amount of time and energy while maintaining my usual life/husband/father duties. During the election process, I also was laid off from my career in the oil industry. I am still unemployed 10 months later. I am doing all I can to survive this economic downturn, keep my family fed and a roof over their heads. I plead for understanding and that the Board of Ethics can waive my fee.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

William Lasseigne

# **\*Important Information\***

## **Changes to filing requirements**

(Effective August 1, 2012)  
Candidates for any other public office who make expenditures in excess of **\$2,500** will **NOW** be required to file campaign finance disclosure reports. The previous threshold amount was **\$5,000**.



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE  
**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
P. O. BOX 4368  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70821  
(225) 219-5600  
FAX: (225) 381-7271  
1-800-842-6630  
www.ethics.la.gov

June 7, 2016

Will Lasseigne  
402 W. 159th Street  
Galliano, LA 70354-3532

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**NO. 70150640000486296877**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

RE: Late fee assessment for the October 24, 2015 Election  
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 13 days late

Dear Will Lasseigne:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$520 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

**You have 20 days the receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:**

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal **the assessment** directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay or dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

***You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.***

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE TO THE RIGHT  
OF THE RETIRE ADDRESS, FOLLOWING DOTTED LINE  
**CERTIFIED MAIL**



7015 0640 0004 8629 6877

BATON ROUGE  
LA 708  
07 JUN 2016



9.16

70354+3532

